



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68077

Masaru DEGUCHI

Appln. No.: 10/046,095

Confirmation No.: 2414

Group Art Unit: 2833

Filed: January 16, 2002

Examiner: Nguyen, Phuongchi T

For: EARTH CONNECTION STRUCTURE, EARTH CONNECTING MEMBER AND
EARTH CONNECTION METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, please amend the above-
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

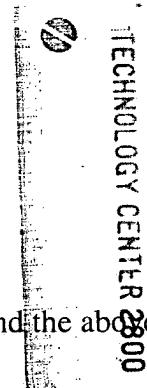


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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For				
All Claims	30	-	20	=	10	X \$18.00 = \$180.00
Independent	7	-	3	=	4	X \$86.00 = \$344.00
TOTAL						= \$524.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$524.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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